

SOME PERSONAL NOTES: As many of you know, Allen Rockford has been in the hospital for a while. Nostalgia Radio News will be delayed for a few months. If Allen recuperates quickly, as we hope he does, the next issue may be June. Those wanting to send cards to Allen, please send them in care of Don Richardson, Box 2214, Syracuse, NY 13220. If any of you wish current listings of Mystery Theater and Sears Radio Theater that usually appear in NRN, send a SASE to Joe Webb, 5 Valley View Dr, Yonkers, NY 10710. Joe will be sending them to subscribers of Collectors Corner anyway so they don't have to send a SASE....Received a letter from Jan Minor asking for help my readers can give to Art Hanna. Art, director of many radio shows from the '40's to 1960 lost his tax papers which shows he worked at NBC, ABC, and CBS. In order to get his director's pension, he needs proof he worked there. If any of you worked with Art Hanna, will you send what details you have to Art at Box 39, Paoli, Pa 19301 or let Ernie Ricca know at the Directors Guild, 162 W 65th St, New York, NY/...The flyers are coming in very fast again. Please check with me first if you want a flyer included. If many come in, it may take 2 or 3 months for yours to be included since I keep HA under one ounce. While I normally don't charge for them if you are a subscriber, a sample of what you are selling would be appreciated. Some people send money anyway and this is also very much appreciated...A full page of News of the Past, typed and sent in by Ed Carr, is included this month as well as flyers from Gary Dudash, Ron Barnett and Adam Richter. More about Gary and Ron later.

CONVENTION 1979: On April 8th we will have our first committee meeting at my apartment. If anyone wishes to actively help on the committee please let me know. Also please send in suggestions for program, workshops, procedure, etc. All suggestions will be considered. Many have been sent in already. For those of you staying Friday night before the convention, there will be a meeting room reserved for us with a cash bar and a buffet supper. For those staying Saturday night, the bar will remain open after the evening festivities. If you know of radio performers, etc who haven't come before, please let me know their addresses. The convention is October 20th at the Holiday Inn in Bridgeport, Ct. Joe Webb tells me that some people from the radio-TV dept. at the Elizabeth Seton College in Yonkers are writing radio and TV dramas and will conduct a writing workshop...The cost of the convention will be \$16. It starts in the morning and will include a buffet dinner. If you wish to send in the money now, you can. Also if you want a dealer or display table (no extra charge) let me know as soon as possible and the number of tables you need. If we have more than last year (25) we may have to set up differently.

IN FOND MEMORY: Kermit Schafer, Mar 8, 64; Made 32 record albums and wrote 15 books with the bloopers that broadcasters made on the air...The horse on MR. ED (1960-66) recently died. He was 33...Dolores Costello, Mar 1, 73; Star of silent films...Donald Burr, Feb 19, 74; singer, actor, director; appeared in Broadway shows...Ray Whitley, Feb 21, 77; singer, composer of Western music. Wrote "Back in the Saddle Again."...Wells Richardson, Feb 22, 81; Broadway stage actor...Jean Renoir, Feb 12, 84; film director. Considered one of the finest...Al Stillman, Feb 17, 73; lyricist. Collaborated with Robert Allen on "Chances are," "No, Not Much."...Louise Allbritton, Feb 16, 59; Film and TV actress-TV (Concerning Mrs. Marlowe 1954 and Stage Door 1950)...William Gargan, Feb 16, 73; stage, screen, radio,



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and TV actor. Radio-Captain Flagg; Martin Kane; Murder Will Out. TV-Martin Kane 1950-51; Ellery Queen 1951...Jerry Walter, Feb 11, 54; actor, singer...Belle Mitchell, Feb 12, 90; actress...Joan Pierce, Feb 3, 76; early film actress...Mitchell Grayson, Feb 8, 63; radio and TV producer and director. Radio-Big Sister, Dick Tracy, Superman. Herbert (Peanuts) Holland, Feb 7, 69; big band trumpeter and singer; with Charlie Barnet 1941-46...Hans Lengsfelder, Feb 6, 75; composer. ...Jody Gilbert, Feb 3; actress; Radio-was Rosa in Life with Luigi. Also in My Friend Irma...Charles Wagenheim, Mar 7, 84; character actor.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: THE BIG BANDWAGON, Feb; art. on Eddie Lang and Frankie Carle...ON THE AIR (Maryland Club), Mar-Apr; art. on Fibber McGee...ILLUSTRATED PRESS (combined with IT'S NOT JUST NOSTALGIA) Feb; art. on Boston Blackie and Groucho Marx...Milwaukee Club Newsletter, Feb; art. on Eddy Duane and video discs...Collectors Corner, Feb; art. on Ozzie and Harriet and Radio's Private Detectives...National Radio Trader, Spring; art. on ILAM and collecting cassettes...THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY, Feb; art. on Ralph Byrd, Lum and Abner, Zena Keefe, Buster Brown.

BOOKS AND CLUBS: SPERDVAC will hold its annual banquet on May 12th at the Variety Arts Theater, 940 South Figueroa, Los Angeles. Tickets are \$14.50 per person and may be obtained from Susan Crawford, 3146 East Orangethorpe Av, #B, Anaheim, Cal 92806. Make payment to SPERDVAC. For information on the convention or SPERDVAC write SPERDVAC, 4922 Cartlen Dr, Placentia, Cal 92670. Special guest at the banquet will be Jim Jordan. Guests at the March meeting of SPERDVAC were Jeff Alexander, Jerry Fielding, Lyn Murray, Jerry Devine, Fred Steiner. SPERDVAC has three hundred members, has monthly meetings with many guests, lending libraries, etc....If you are interested in Jack Armstrong and/or premiums you will want Fred King's new 130-page book about Jack Armstrong and the premiums offered. Cost is \$10. Very worthwhile. Send to Fred at Rt 2 Box 67, Greentop, MO 63546.

CATALOGUES AND NEW SHOWS: I recently received from Don Aston 37 New Jack Benny from 1939-1952. Also got 7 new Escape. It will take a while to hear all the Benny but the quality is generally very good. ...Received from Ray Stanich a new MR. KEENE "Glamorous Widow" 5/23/46 and GRAND HOTEL "Merely Players" 5/19/45...Received catalog from Gary Dudash of about 1600 reels. It is well organized and has a complete selection of programs. See his flyer for new Lone Rangers. Gary just received in the mail a complete index to his catalog from Clayton Holden, completely unsolicited. It must have been a lot of work. It was very much appreciated...I also have Ron Barnett's catalog. It also is well organized, has a wide variety of shows (several thousand). The catalog also contains an index, one of the first to do so...Don Koehnemann will soon be sending me THE CIRCLE: QUIZ OF TWO CITIES: music by Hal Grayson, Grankie Trumbauer, Turhan Bey.

LOGS: John Wesche, 432 Douglas St, Syracuse, NY 13203 has just completed a SHADOW log. Cost is \$3.00. Cost is \$4.00 for a similar one done alphabetically. John is a graduate student in history at Syracuse University. He is specializing in WWII and its effects on America. John would like any radio programs which deal with the war effort, especially examples of war related civilian program (shows with war themes or war jokes). John would also like to get in touch with people in the industry in the 1940's who could tell him something about how these programs came to express the peculiar brand of fervent World War II patriotism.

THE TAPE DECK: Ken Neal read in a recent CONSUMERS REPORT about ratings of reel to reel tape decks. It said that most decks work better at $7\frac{1}{2}$ rather than at 3 3/4. Does this mean that doublespeeding a product is better?

NEW ADDRESSES: Larry Rao, 1213 E 88th St, New York, NY 11228
(Please change the New York to Brooklyn, NY 11228)

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Tsgt Donald Moore, 4112A Wyoming Cir, Loring AFB, Me 04751. Don wants to date Australian and other foreign series. Anyway to do that?...Chet Lucas, 30 Francis Dr, Bethany, Ct 06525.

Old Friends: Bill Blalock, 1614 Davison, Richland, Wa 99352 would like to exchange shows of low generation with people especially interested in early to Mid 30's material. Ivan Hoffman, 15 Belmont St, Hull, Ma 02045 wants ACADEMY AWARD THEATER, CAVALCADE OF AMERICA, 4 STAR PLAYHOUSE, HOLLYWOOD SOUND STAGE...Pierce Rafferty, The Archives Project, 4717 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, Va 22203 is looking for radio material in conjunction with a documentary film they are producing on atomic energy and weapons. Write him for more details. ...Clyde Smith, Sunset Dr, North Salem, NY 10560 wants MARIO LANZA shows other than the summer of 1951...Ivan Hoffman (above) is also looking for LUX and SCREEN GUILD THEATER...Bruce Ruggles, Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario Pk# 8K5 has SHADOW log and many of his early shows from 1935-1940 and would like to trade with someone of similar interests so he can round out his collection...Mel Simons, 63½ Weld St, West Roxbury, Ma 02132 appears on TV in Boston on the GREAT DAY SHOW as Mr. Nostalgia. Also 2 radio shows: THE LARRY GLICK SHOW on WBZ in Boston and THE SYBIL TOUCONOLOGY SHOW on WNTN in Newton. Mel just wrote a book on Old-time radio and expects it to be published soon...Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol Av, Westchester, Ill 60153 wants CHICAGO RADIO THEATER Feb 1979 "Rogue Moon;" PTV Dick Cavett with Mel Torme; PTV Sound Stage with Martin Mull; PTV Big Band Bash with W Herman, Helen Forrest, D Haymes; Synd TV Big Bands with A Shaw, B Goodman, G Krupa...Steve Jelf, 1819 W 254th St, Lomita, Cal 90717 wants 4th game of 1978 World Series 10/14/78. Also wonders why New York City can't have a radio club such as SPERDVAC in Hollywood-Los-Angeles.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Paul Harvey and Orson Welles will be inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters Radio Hall of Fame in Dallas, March 25-28...The Feb 5th issue of BUSINESS WEEK says that you can strike it rich in radio. Revenue for 1977 was 2.8 billion; for 1978 about 3.1 billion; projected for 1979 3.5 billion. ...Radio syndication of JAMBOREE USA, live country music show originating from WWVA in Wheeling, W Va, was launched the week of March 5th over the Mutual Radio Network. Broadcast over on WWVA on Saturday nights—since January 1933—JAMBOREE will be carried on 200 Mutual stations. It is Mutual's first venture into musical programming in many years.

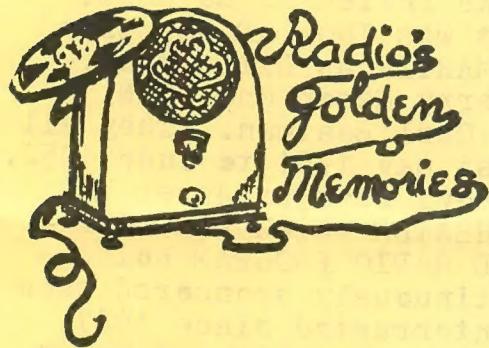
That's it for this week. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs

Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 \$6.00

NEWS OF THE PAST *1947 TOMMY COOK who plays a juvenile lead on THE LIFE OF RILEY was making a bid for the U.S. Olympic Team. He had won several west coast Junior Division Championships. *HILDEGARDE drinks a glass of carrot juice before each broadcast, as it helps to ease her throat. *JOCK MAC GREGOR, a stickler for authenticity, found while doing research for Nick Carter, master detective, that criminals are using war time research developments and scientific equipment such as: the snooperscope - a gadget for sighting night time targets without lights AND the electronic stethoscope to use in the tumbler action on huge safes, that other wise would be burglar proof. *More news about THE STATE VS MAY GRANT. When I put out the few episodes I had about 2 yrs. ago, I used my own title. I since found out the story is called THE CASE OF THE MARTYRED MOTHER with the following as cast: HELEN SHIELDS as May Grant, then for awhile it was INGA ADAMS, then ANNE BURR and once again HELEN SHIELDS. IAN MARTIN as Bill Grant, ANNE BURR doing minor roles, JOHN LARKIN as Perry Mason and JOAN ALEXANDER as Della Street. Your director was Carl Eastman. They all played in this one story. It ran from at least May 1951 to June 1952. *LORETTA YOUNG was presented a Steuben glass bowl from producer Wm Keighly on her 25th appearance on LUX RADIO THEATER which was LOVE LETTERS. *As of May 1952, CITIES SERVICE BAND RADIO PROGRAM holds the unbeatable record of being the oldest continuously sponsored show in radio history. It has been on the air uninterrupted since 1927. *1952 the radio show, MEET CORLESS ARCHER has moved to ABC and for a few weeks, LUGENE SANDERS will be playing Corless, she is pinch hitting for JANET WALDO. Eugene, who is also the TV Corless on CBS is only 17 yrs. old. *KAY KYSER and GLEN MILLER led all bands in 1941, earning power, each band grossed about one million dollars. Glen Miller's top recorded was CHATANOOGA CHOO CHOO and sold over one million copies and the millionth disk was auctioned off at the Presidents' Birthday Ball. *JUDY GARLAND was a authoress and in collaboration with professional radio-writer TRUE BOARDMAN, they wrote the dialogue of "LOVE'S NEW SWEET SONG" in which Judy had the leading role on the Silver Theater Radio Program; and RADIO MIRROR published in story form *1942 KAY JORDAN, pretty 22 yr. old daughter of FIBBER MC GEE AND MOLLY, quietly went out and successfully auditioned for two NBC programs, I LOVE A MYSTERY AND VANCE AND LILA. They didn't even know Kay was thinking about a radio career, until after she'd been accepted to appear on the shows. *The location of the MOCK COURT MARTIAL broadcast was a military secret. All Charlie MCCarthy fans were amazed to find out, it all came about because Army command didn't want to advertise the spot, where at a specific time several hundred American fliers would be gathered together under a single roof. Nothing was said till the broadcast was long over. *1943 GALE GORDON checked out of his part as Mayor La Trivia on the FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY SHOW. He join the coast guard. So Fibber hired his wife for a part on the show. *When FULTON LEWIS JR. asked his radio audience to send in old keys for the salvage drive, he got 50,000 in one week. *TED WEEMS and his entire 14 pieces joined the Merchant Marines. *NBC's BOB HOPE has a statue to immortalize him as the only entertainer, among 50 modern notables in Living Hall of Washington. *1945 because of war time difficulties, out of 60,000,000 home radio sets approximately one quarter or 15,000,000 are out of commission. *As of 1950 over the years AMOS N ANDY have created some 190 different characters. *Did you know that GROUCHO MARX got his first theatrical break when he was 11 yrs. old? He was cast as a boy soprano in a musical vaudeville act, following that he toured the country impersonating girl singers. *There is a bronze plaque in the hospital of the University of Pa. in Philadelphia, to commemorate the first surgical operation May 11, 1949 on color television. *1925 First fair practice code was drawn up by the National Association of Broadcasters.

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earle graser
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1160

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1174

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2R "son of silver" 551... "the breaking" 552

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2R the 1944 biography series "calamity jane" 971... "sam bass" 978

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1R the 1942 THE IRON SPUR series "prairie fire" 684... "quicksand" 685
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